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ONE STEAM-LAUNCH, 70 feet Long, 11 feet Beam, 6 feet Depth of Hold, 5 feet Draft of Water.

Compound High Pressure Engines, Speed 8 miles per Hour.

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High Pressure Double Cylinder Engines, Speed 8 miles per Hour.

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High Pressure Single Cylinder Engine, Speed 8 miles per Hour.

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of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now

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PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

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MAH TWAIN'S SCRABOOK.

Novelty in Meerschaum PIPES & CIGAR TUBES.

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TODDY KETTLES.

SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY.

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SCARVES AND TIES, Newest Patterns.

GRAMMARS AND SCHOOL BOOKS.

NEW SEASON'S APPLES.

THE NEWEST NOVELS.

RED HEART RUM.

SHOOTING BOOTS.

SPORTING GEAR, of all Descriptions.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

no2

Intimations.

HONGKONG RACES, 1879.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) of the Profit reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

By Order, M. W. SAUNDERS,

Lieut. R.A., Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, October 11, 1878.

no1

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr DAVID ROBERT FENTON CRAWFORD in our Shanghai Firm, CEASED on 31st March last.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Shanghai, October 10, 1878. no14

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM This Date, and during the Absence of the Undersigned, Mr REGINALD DIGBY STARKEY is authorized to Act as Agent for the Company in Hongkong.

J. KENNARD DAVIS,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 15, 1878. no15

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.
Hongkong, June 13, 1878. de13

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Book Debts, and Goodwill of the CHINA DISPENSARY hitherto Carried on by Mr W. BALL, will conduct and carry on the said Business (in connection with the VICTORIA DISPENSARY) on his own Account from This Date.

WM. CRUCKSHANK.
Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called MR NG HOK MUN is admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878. de80

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CEASED from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878. de80

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG CHIM.
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

GERMAN STEAMSHIP VULCAN, WINZEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 2nd November next will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded before written notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 28, 1878. no2

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. A. V. A.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S. "Gauge," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 14th Inst., at 5 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

E. JV POUYE,

Agen.

Hongkong, October 14, 1878.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

ON
THURSDAY EVENING,
October 31st, 1878.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA
AND
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY
Will Repeat (by General Desire)
CHAS. LECOCQ'S COMIC OPERA
"GIROFLE-GIROFLA,"

In Three Acts.

MISS ELCLIA MAY
as
GIROFLE-GIROFLA

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

GIROFLE { Twin { Miss ELCLIA MAY,
GIROFLE { Sisters { Mrs. E. S. Loring, Mr.
Marquis, Miss A. DRAGEE,
Don Bolo { D'Alca { Mr. H. PHILLIPS,
razas, Mr. H. VERNON,
Mouzouk, Mr. J. ROLLING,
Pedro, Miss B. DRAGER,
Aurore, Miss Clara STANLEY,
Faquita, Pirates, Moors, &c.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR, MR F. PANIZZA.
The Operas are produced under the Sole direction of

M. B. H. VENON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs KRUSH & Co.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Dress Circle or Orchestra Two Dollars.
Stalls One Dollar.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, October 28, 1878. no1

HONGKONG TEMPERANCE HALL

THE OPENING ENTERTAINMENT for the Winter will be given on MONDAY, 4th November, at 8.30 p.m., when "Professor" Illoilo will ask the Audience to spend "AN EVENING IN FAIRYLAND."

Programme will be issued.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
50 Cents and 25 Cents.
Hongkong, October 28, 1878. no5

INTIMATIONS.

F. HUTCHINSON beg to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply

BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

IMPERATRICE ELISABETTA, Austrian ship, Capt. Hrglich.—D. MUSSO & Co.

INDIA, American ship, Capt. O. Patten—Order.

RALPH M. HAYWARD, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. L. B. Doane.—Meyer & Co.

GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key—Russell & Co.

BETTHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Heise—Melchers & Co.

LOD MACALAY, British barque, Capt. R. B. Monkman.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

FONTENAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

BETHA-MARION, British barque, Capt. G. B. Scarlett—Gilman & Co.

SARATMORE, British steamer, Captain John Rowell.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

SPINAWAY, Brit. barque, Capt. Pringle—Siemens & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS OF CREW:—

HRAZ, British ship, Captain Chas. Robertson.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SHANGHAI
The Steamship
"CHINA,"

W. F. C. ACKERMANN, Master, will be despatched for the above Port

TO-MORROW, the 29th Inst., at 10 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, October 28, 1878. no30

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Oct. 28, Jessie Jamison, British barque, 504 G. West, Compton Oct. 10, Salt-Arnold, Kankara & Co.

Oct. 28, OHIO, German steamer, from Canton.

Oct. 28, Esmeralda, British steamer, 389, R. Cullen, Manila Oct. 28, General—Russell & Co.

Oct. 28, Kwangtung, British steamer, 678, Puchard, Foochow Oct. 28, Amoy 28, and Swatow 28, General—Dorothy La-Prake & Co.

Oct. 28, City of Peking, American steamer, 6080, G. G. Berry, San Francisco Oct. 1, and Yokohama 21, Treasure (\$151,625), Mills, and General—P. M. S. Co.

Oct. 29, Danube, British steamer, 584, A. Olanchy, Bangkok Oct. 20, General—Yunnan Fox Hong.

Oct. 29, Brigadoon, British steamer, 1700, J. A. Reddell, Sydney Oct. 10, Townsville 18, and Cooktown 17, General—Gibson, Livingston & Co.

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any one. During the night he was troubled in mind about his fortune which was to be so easily made, and his curiosity and fears combined induced him to open the box, when he at once discovered he had been gullied. He told his cousin (a most intelligent gentleman and a Christian), who gave information to the Police, and the fortuneteller was soon in their hands. If the seven days had been allowed to pass this fortune-maker would doubtless have got clear away. The case was remanded until the 2nd proximo.

A SUBSCRIBER plaintively asks whether nothing can be done to remedy the evil caused by the circulation of the Japanese small money which now floods the market. It seems to us that something ought to be done, so that the benefit to be derived from our local currency may not be entirely nullified.

If the Government, as we verily believe, looks to the public convenience in supplying small coins at par, why does it not take some steps to prevent the money-changers from altogether undoing its good intentions? The annoying predominance of these 20-sen and 10-sen dragon-heads is becoming almost unbearable, and we learn of some houses who have an accumulation of over a hundred dollars' worth, upon which they are bound to lose about 10 per cent. Surely something can be done to circumvent the grasping money-vendors who are engaged in this "small-change" swindle on the public. It is a clear proof of the happy manner in which the native can "get round" the foreigner in matters where the latter have to be specially looked after.

A DEPUTATION, consisting of some sixty Chinese residents, headed by the members of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee, called at Government House this afternoon to present an address to Her Majesty the Queen, which has been circulating for signature for the last few weeks. In handing the petition to His Excellency the Governor, the spokesman of the deputation pointed out to Mr Hennessy that this address was the spontaneous expression of the feeling which animated the whole native community, and referred to the number of signatures—2232—which, he stated, were, with the exception of the names of the Hospital Committee members, the stamps of so many individual shops. A translation of the address, in English, was read to the Governor, who then replied, without any reference to the contents of the address, that it was his duty to forward the document to the Secretary of State for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen. He had no doubt that they were all loyal subjects of Her Majesty, and he was glad to find that they were enjoying a certain amount of prosperity here, which was evidenced by the marked increase of Chinese houses and shops which he saw when he passed through the town. He assured them that he would be most happy, on all occasions, to see them call upon him, whenever they had anything to bring before him. One of the deputation, taking the Governor at his word, stepped forward, in spite of the leading members' expostulations, saying that he had a favour to ask for himself; which was that, having lived more than thirty years in the Colony, and having also sons and grandsons here, was anxious to know by what means he could become a British subject. His Excellency replied that all children born in the Colony were *de facto* treated as British subjects; that the larger question, of naturalization of alien residents not born here, had recently been brought by him before the Executive Council, and he was most happy to inform the deputation that the members of the Executive Council entirely agreed with him regarding the desirability of having a special naturalization law for Hongkong. He added that the question had been referred to the Home Government, and they would sooner or later learn the result. The Governor concluded by asking the deputation to inform the signatories of the address that he looked upon the fact of their addressing the Queen as a proof of their loyalty to Her Majesty, and that he would not fail to have the address forwarded in due course. The deputation, after shaking hands with His Excellency, then withdrew.

We understand that the address consists of a brief statement of the feelings of the native community, and that it is done up in the usual Chinese style, in wood covered with silk, and enclosed in a neat wooden case.

INQUEST.

The adjourned inquest on the body of Sum Ayee, was resumed to-day at the Magistracy. The following gentlemen comprised the Jury: Messrs J. G. Liddell, A. Gillanders, and A. F. dos Remedios.

Ho Afung said:—The deceased was my father-in-law. On the 25th instant, at noon, I was passing along the street, when the first and second prisoners, who were sitting outside a house, caught hold of my jacket as I past them. I told them not to do it, when my mother-in-law, and the de-

SUPREME COURT.
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honor Mr Justice Russell.)

October 29, 1878.

Chartered Bank of India, Australia, &c. v. H. James, \$347.35.—The defendant in this case is a Naval Officer belonging to H.M.S. *Audacious* and has left the Colony. Mr Wotton of Mr Brewster's office appeared for the plaintiff. It appears that the defendant had drawn two bills on London for £50 and £25 respectively, and the plaintiff had cashed them. The drafts had been dishonored in London, and the defendant had refused to repay the money. Judgment was entered for the amount claimed, with costs and interest at 8 per cent.

Phillip v. Jensen, \$10.—This was a claim for a month's rent of two rooms. The defendant claimed as a set-off, that he had expended money on cleaning and painting his rooms, but this he acknowledged he had done at his own risk and without the authority of the plaintiff. Judgment for the amount claimed, with costs.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)

By the steamer *Panay*, which arrived on the 21st October from Singapore, there came two Italian artists, named Julio Milano and Antonio Messetani, tenor and baritone respectively, who in conjunction with Signor Capozzi and others will form a small opera company which intend to appear soon in the Tondo theatre.

Mr. Deplace, the director of the French Opera Company at present in Manila, has submitted to the Ayuntamiento the plans and for the construction of a small theatre in Arroceros, and it is said that his plans were approved by that corporation.

News received from Madrid says that it is probable that Mr Menecarini, the Spanish Consul at Singapore, will be appointed for the same post at Hongkong.

It is also stated from Madrid that permission has been obtained for the construction of four tramways at Manila.

Out of 10,288 miles of cigar of different qualities at the auction on the 23rd Oct., 6503 miles were disposed of, fetching a total sum of \$83,634.81.

The rate of exchange on Hongkong and Amoy, at eight, on the 19th Oct., instant, was 8 p. c. and 8½ p. c. discount.

The following are the freight settlements up to the 18th October:—*Elmstone*, British barque, for Liverpool, 400 to 600 tons dry sugar, and the rest hemp, private; *Sooth*, British ship, for Boston, to take hemp to Amoy and Cebu at the owner's risk; *Oraig Owl*, British barque, for New York, 200 tons sugar and some 2,000 bales hemp, private; *Elmwood*, American barque, for New York, sugar and hemp, private; *Southern Cross*, American ship, for New York, 400 tons sugar, at \$6 per ton, and 1,000 bales hemp at \$6 for 4 bales, the rest of the cargo at owner's risk; *Ocean Queen*, British barque, for New York, 150 tons sugar and 1,600 bales hemp at owner's risk; *Reina Mercedes*, Spanish steamer, for Liverpool, sugar at £3 and hemp at £4.

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Loading on Oct. 26.—*Lizzie Iredale*, for Liverpool; *Alva*, for Hongkong; *Belted Will*, for London; *Regent*, for New York; *Elmstone*, for Liverpool; *Kilmarnock*, for New York; *Southern Cross*, for New York; *Maris*, for Melbourne; *Brama*, for Hongkong; *Reina Mercedes*, for Singapore, Calcutta and Liverpool.

Japan.

(Gazette.)

The American ship *Coldstream*, from New York, is heating up the Bay and may be expected to-day (Oct. 16th).

At twenty-five minutes past ten this morning (Oct. 17th) a shock of earthquake was experienced in Yokohama.

The Japanese steamer *Kanagawa Maru*, late *Madras*, which has been undergoing alteration for the last few months, left the anchorage to-day (Oct. 16th) for Yokohama to have her propeller taken off. The rigging, sails, &c., have been the work of Mr H. Pagdon, and the iron-work and sparring were entrusted to Mr H. Cook. The *Kanagawa Maru* is now rigged into a barque, and in the opinion of mariners, will make a first-class vessel, having large carrying capacity, and having also had the reputation for fast sailing during the time she was a steamer.

By the P. & O. Str. *Malacca*, which arrived to-day (Oct. 16th) accounts' sale have been received giving a most unfortunate ending for the considerable shipments of Japan black leaf tea. Tea costing from one shilling and five-pence to one shilling and seven-pence per pound have been sold in London at less than one-half of those rates. It would appear that Japanese congoon has not good keeping quality, and that, when slightly soft and out of condition, a certain rank and disagreeable flavour is developed. We recommend Japan tea-men to keep to the United States' markets.

We hear, on undoubted authority, confirmation of the fears we have lately expressed with so much anxiety. The Tokio bankers and traders begin to discover how small the metallic reserves of Japan are, and that the stocks of bullion and coined money have been gradually drawn upon until they are almost at an end. Just at this inconvenient time the country dealers in produce and imported goods, begin to appreciate the fall in value, and sellers are most anxious to be paid in foreign dollars. As the alarm spreads the depreciation will increase, and we should not be surprised to see a panic amongst traders which will do vast injury to the national commercial interests. At noon to-day rates were nominally at 18½ per cent. discount, and, as we go to press, the quotation is 18 per cent., but any considerable sales of Government paper would probably increase the discount to over 20 per cent.

We believe much of this is due to some assurance not having been made that the further issue of paper money has been stopped. The notifications of the 7th Oct., Teo Aloek, master of the *Tsing Ho*, carpenter's shop, 100 Queen's Road West, obstructing a public road. Fined \$5.

Li Shee, master of the *Li Hing Marine Store* No. 12 Wing On Lane, neglecting to make an entry in his book of ten pounds of metal type found on his premises. Fined \$15.

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NEWS BY THE AMERICAN
MAIL.

The following telegrams are from San Francisco papers, brought by the City of *Peking* to-day:—

Chartered Bank of India, Australia, &c. v. H. James, \$347.35.—The defendant in this case is a Naval Officer belonging to H.M.S. *Audacious* and has left the Colony. Mr Wotton of Mr Brewster's office appeared for the plaintiff. It appears that the defendant had drawn two bills on London for £50 and £25 respectively, and the plaintiff had cashed them. The drafts had been dishonored in London, and the defendant had refused to repay the money. Judgment was entered for the amount claimed, with costs and interest at 8 per cent.

Paris, Sept. 25.—The volcanic activity of Vesuvius continues to increase. The crest of the cone gives way, and a new cone is forming.

Paris, Sept. 25.—The Pacific says:—We learn that the difficulties between France, England, and the United States, relative to the Newfoundland fisheries, have been arranged. The three Cabinets are now drawing up a Convention which will obviate all future disagreements.

London, Sept. 25.—A despatch from Rangoon declares that the King of Burma is still alive.

London, Sept. 25.—A despatch from St. Petersburg says that Russia will probably not interfere in a war between the Amur and England.

A despatch from Culcutta says that when the British Mission was refused passage the Commandant of Alimur Jid told Major Canagnari that but for personal friendship he would shoot him on the spot. War is believed to be inevitable. The correspondent adds:—If it be true that the Commandant of Alimur Jid, in the press, of one of the Amur's most trusted servants, threatened to shoot Major Canagnari, there can be little doubt that the threat was in accordance with direct instructions from the Amur.

The Times, in its editorial, says:—The latest news leaves little doubt that we must expect war. Operations, in fact, have been commenced already. The Amur doubtless intends to make the breach with England irreparable. Such will be the effect of his conduct. We ought to be well able to succeed in occupying two or three important points in Afghanistan before Winter, which will go a long way toward finishing the war. We can continue it in the Spring, if the Amur is still obdurate. The blow must be effective."

Apolis, Sept. 25.—Prof. Palmieri is constructing a bulkwork of stone around the observatory on Mount Vesuvius, capable of considerable resistance to the flow of lava, should it come in that direction. An earthquake at Montefalco, in the Province of Umbria, has rendered 148 houses uninhabitable.

London, Sept. 25.—The Vienna *New Free Press* reports that Minister Layard demands the cession of Trabzon and British control over the Law Courts, in Asia Minor, and that the Sultan resists these demands.

London, Sept. 25.—A Vienna despatch says that a mob threatens to murder the Austrian Consul at Frixend, in Albania. The Governor of the town is powerless to prevent any outrage.

New York, September 25.—A terrible story of famine and pestilence is told by the *Evening Post*'s correspondent in Rio Janeiro. A district in Brazil, equal in extent to New England, the Middle Atlantic States, West Virginia, Ohio, and Indiana combined, has been without rain since July, 1875. Brooks, springs, and wells long ago dried up. Even river beds have now become dusty channels. Cattle, of which there were vast herds, have died of thirst. People perishing for want of food and water have fled from their homes, many of them dying, sometimes whole families together, before reaching a place of refuge. Those of them who escaped have overcrowded the cities of refuge so greatly as, in some cases, to multiply the population by five, and they are now herded together in the open streets, living like swine upon the scanty rations issued by the Government, and upon such refuse as they can gather in the gutters. Well-nigh naked, and utterly debased by their sufferings, they live in bestial immorality, not scrupling even at cannibalism, in some instances; while small-pox, yellow fever, dysentery and some other diseases are sweeping them away by thousands. As if to leave no element of wretchedness out of the account, they are victims of most brutal ill-treatment at the hands of the police and soldiery, and, worse still, at the hands of vile speculators, who make a trade of these wretched wretches. The picture which the correspondent presents is scarcely matched in its ghastliness even by the old records of Oriental plague, and the story more distressing by reason of the fact that these people were peaceful herdsmen and planters, cultivators of the soil, whose homes have been made desolate by causes which could neither be foreseen nor provided against. Their woes are not those of men who have chosen a life of crime, but those of industrious agricultural people, afflicted first with drought, then with famine, then with pestilence, and finally with loss of moral sense which brutalizes into criminals without choice of their will. Until now this terrible story has not been told in this country. We have known only that in parts of Brazil the rainy season has failed, but we have not hitherto dreamed that such a famine as this affected so vast a territory.

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London, Sept. 25.—A despatch from the Tribune of St. Petersburg says:—The Imperial Russian Commission appointed to inquire into army frauds have reported

that they state that corruption and venality were widespread. Five hundred officers, including forty colonels, are accused by the Commission with the misapplication of money during the late war.

New York, Sept. 26.—A walk for the world-distance championship of the world and \$1000, between O'Leary and Hughes, was begun in Gilmore's Garden at 1 o'clock this morning. The time is 142 hours.

New Orleans, Sept. 26.—The train which arrived from Biloxi last night was crowded with refugees from the watering places.

On the way, when it got to Rigaud's, the discovery was made that the tender had broken out, and before New Orleans was reached there were 103 cases on the train.

He was slackened to Rigaud's to this point, so that instead of arriving at 9.30, as due, it did not get in until near midnight. The scene beggars description, men, women and children being stretched out upon the seats, some in delirium and others in the agony of fear.

The indications to-night are again unfavorable. The wild fluctuations of fever however, render it impossible to forecast its action even a day. The watering places and the North are feeding it rapidly, and no material diminution can be expected until cold weather. There were 85 deaths reported to-day.

Constantinople, Sept. 26.—The alarming rapid depreciation of paper money continues, and causes the most serious apprehension. At the beginning of the last week it had only about one-third of its nominal value, and since that time has fallen nearly 7 per cent. In all probability it will fall much lower, for it is no longer accepted in payment for taxes, and is consequently

flowing into Constantinople from all sides. The sultan has given strict orders, that energetic measures at once be taken, and for this purpose has nominated a Commission with little probability, however, of any practical result.

Constantinople, Sept. 26.—It is reported that Prince Dondonoff Karaskoff, the Russian Governor of Bulgaria, has refused to recognize the nineteenth article of the Treaty of Berlin, instructing the administration of the finances of Eastern Roumania to the International Commission appointed for the organization of that province.

Perth, Sept. 26.—The Ministerial journal *Elmer* publishes a Vienna telegram stating that there is a crisis in the Hungarian Cabinet in consequence of the demands of the military party in connection with the Bosnian occupation. According to other information Herr Von Schell, Hungarian Minister of Finance, has declared it to be impossible for him to procure the money he was called upon to furnish, and he will therefore be compelled to retire. It is expected in well-informed circles that these differences will be removed.

London, Sept. 26.—A correspondent at Calcutta telegraphs as follows:—Unless Shere Ali gives us satisfaction the present occasion will be seized upon to secure for ourselves the passes piercing the mountain ranges along the whole frontier from the Khyber Pass to the Bolan Pass, and further strategic measures will be adopted to dominate the Suliman range and the Hindoo Koosh Mountains. The present condition of affairs on the Afghan frontier should once for all, cause to exist, and we may thank the Amur, and more especially Russia, for "causa causans" for affording us this opportunity of consolidating the defences of our Indian Empire by the strategical military reorganization of our frontier.

New York, Sept. 26.—Refined petroleum in barrels has declined to 10c., without materially increasing business. The low price for case petroleum has induced an active inquiry for China and Japan account sales for the past week aggregating 350,000 cases at 18 to 18½ per cent.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SURZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 31st October, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S.S. "YANGTSE," Commandant RAYATEL, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 30th October, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 18, 1878, oc31

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. "OCÉANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 1st November, at Noon, taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 6 p.m. of the 31st October. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A RETURN is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 17, 1878, no1

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON, VIA
BOMBAY,
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "NIZAM," Captain A. E. BARLOW, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 7th November, at Noon.

For further particulars, apply to

A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 26, 1878, no7

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 16th November, at 3 o'clock p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE, a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS of the ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS of the CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 14th November. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 23, 1878.

To Let.

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THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, The DWELLING HOUSE, No. 19 B, Hollywood Road.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, October 28, 1878.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 4, SEYMOUR TERRACE, DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, October 26, 1878.

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Hongkong, October 26, 1878.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue House, situated on Praya East:

FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT of No. 2, Praya East, either separately, or together, as required, with immediate possession.

HOUSE No. 8, Praya East. The whole House or in Flats, with immediate possession.

As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue House at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SIXTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TABLES per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 11th October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 21st October.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endowment.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 21st October, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 9, 1878, no14

Volume Seventh of the CHINA REVIEW.

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Perkin Warbeck in China.

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A Chinese Coin.

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Chinese Bank-notes.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1878.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

INSURANCES.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company,

Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored in them, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents, Queen Fire Insurance Company,

Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

COMMITTEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STEELING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept RISKS at GREATLY REDUCED RATES, and upon Terms very favourable to the Assured.

OLYPHANT & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 17, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.